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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of mine and my children pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76MHz band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joel m Pelletier", with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Joel Pelletier
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~~The Honorable~~ William Cohen
United States Senator
Washington D. C. 20570

Dear Senator Williams Cohen

I am a semi retired individual and
derive many hours in constructing and flying
radio control model airplanes

I am very concerned about proposed
rules that are currently under consideration by the
Federal Communications Commission (FCC). the
proceeding is P.R. Docket 92-235. If adopted, the
new rules will greatly reduce the usability of
frequencies currently assigned for model use and
increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability
for controlling model airplanes.

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72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for

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and cause interference to radio control operations.
I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are
presently available for radio control of model
airplanes, the following will go to the other

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I do think it is wise of the FCC to seek
to improve the operating conditions of land



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The Honorable William Cohen
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cohen:

I am very concerned about the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is **PR-235**. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for air-craft model use and will increase the risk of accidents and



The Honorable William Cohen: continued,

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and can weigh as much as 30 to 40 pounds. The models are expensive to build with hundreds of hours of construction time invested; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full compliment of radio frequencies in order to assure a **safe flying** enviroment.

The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable **investment** in our models and in our radio control equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to **thousands** of people, young and senior like myself and contribute to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the **safe** enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 band.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward A. Estabrook".

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Dear Senator Cohen:

I have been involved in model aviation for many years and have looked forward to building and operating radio control flying models, now this is in jeopardy.

I am very concerned about the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the FCC. The proceeding is PR DOCKET 92-235.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz Band. This band is primarily used for private mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either user interfering with the other. Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower band widths and rearranging the band plan. As a result many land mobile frequencies with more power will move closer to radio control frequencies and cause interference with radio control operations. I have two transmitters and three receivers, five planes on channel 28 which will be directly affected by the plan of the FCC. This is an investment of about 1500 dollars with more to come.

We go to great lengths to assure the safety of operators and bystanders and the protection of property when we fly our models with radio control. If the number of usable

frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio ~~users~~ at the expense of radio control modelers.

At one time, I took flying lessons and obtained a private pilots license, but for the money involved, I got more enjoyment from the model aircraft.

Please help me to continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Truly yours

Reginald F. Strout

Member of:

Academy of Model Aeronautics license no. 2380
Eastern Maine Radio Control Club
National Free Flight Society
Flying Aces Club

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Dear Senator Cohen,

I have been a modeler of radio controlled airplanes for about five years. I am an active member of a local radio control airplane club based in New Gloucester, Maine. I am currently the club's treasurer and I also enjoy serving as an instructor for new pilots during the warm weather months.

I am very concerned about PR Docket 92-235, proposed rule changes currently under consideration by the Federal Communications

The reason our frequencies would be unusable would be mainly due to the safety risk involved. Since cellular phones are mobile we would never know when one might be operating close by to radio control activities. Someone operating his or her airplane safely one minute might find that he or she has absolutely no control over it in the next minute. The aircraft we operate range in weight from a few pounds to fifty five pounds and fly

February 26, 1993 after which time it may become more difficult
to stop these proposals from going into effect. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David W. Edwards

1171 Lawrence Road

Pownal, ME 04069

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Senator Wm.S.Cohen
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-1901

Senator Cohen,

The radio control model aircraft hobbyists in this area urge you to work to defeat the proposed rule making docket #92-235. This proposal would insert frequencies between frequencies allocated to the model aircraft hobby. Such close spacing of these frequencies would create a safety hazard. I call your attention to a recent incident where a passenger airliner was nearly lost because of a stray signal not identified as part of the aircraft electronics. You are aware of the interference our hobby must be alert to recognize when we are flying such as pagers, garage door openers, beepers etc. Thank you for your efforts in this matter.

N. A. Danforth
PO Box 2230
Troy, Me 04987

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DEAR SENATOR COHEN,

PLEASE TRY AND AALT THIS BILL AND ALLOW THE RC INDUSTRY TO CONTINUE GROWING. MY SON AND I HAVE JUST STARTED IN THE SPORT AND WOULD LIKE TO LOOK FORWARD TO MANY YEARS OF PARTICIPATION IN THIS SPORT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.

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Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

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Ronald Thurston
110 Mountain View Rd
W. Gray, Maine 04039

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The Honorable William Cohen
U. S. Senate
Washington, DC. 20510

I am a Vocational shop teacher and a retired Navel Reserve electronic person with over 25 years of teaching electronics, servicing, and using electronic equipment in both military and civillian life. I also spend a number of hours of fun with radio controlled models and know the problems that will happen if the FCC changes the frequencies around. I am also a member of an active R/C club and have money invested in a number of radios and models. I am also enclosing a few paragraphs of some of the technicalities why I am opposed.

Sincerely



Ronald G. Thurston, SR.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

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The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band (for R/C cars and boats) now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

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31 January 1993

The Honorable William Cohen
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

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Sincerely,

Ray Labonte
Ray Labonte
29 Twin Springs Drive
Standish, Maine 04084

Orlando, me

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U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

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Dear Senator Cohen:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM-PR Docket 92-235) which, if implemented, will have a profound effect on model frequency use. Developed by the FCC Land Mobile Service, it creates a massive Frequency restructuring-the first of its type in 60 years.

The 419 page document addresses frequency use in another service (Part 88) but will also affect Part 95 where our RC frequency use lives. Without becoming too technical, the restructuring inserts two new frequencies between those presently assigned for modeling use and commercial users. That means we could have a transmitter almost four times to power output of ours, only 2.5 kHz away from a large number of our 72 and 75 MHz frequencies.

In the 72 MHz band, thirty-one of our frequencies would be bracketed, principally in the lower end of the band (below channel 42). A similar condition would exist in the 75 MHz band. Two examples of the frequency placing would look like the following:

Model Channel 62	75.430 MHz	Model Channel 14	72.070 MHz
New insert	75.4325 MHz	New insert	72.0725 MHz
New insert	75.4375 MHz	New insert	72.0775 MHz
Present Commercial	75.440 MHz	Present Commercial	72.080 MHz
New insert	75.4425 MHz	New insert	72.0825 MHz
New insert	75.4475 MHz	New insert	72.0875 MHz
Model Channel 63	75.450 MHz	Model Channel 15	72.090 MHz

Not only are these new frequencies very close to ours, they are also designated as "mobile", therefore we would never know where they are operating, including right in the pit area at your field or on the street and highway nearby. In addition, the technical specifications for the new equipment allows a legal frequency tolerance which would place their signal directly on ours!

Many hours are spent in my workshop building radio controlled airplanes. Some of them take more than a year to finish and represent a considerable investment.

I have three radio systems also representing a considerable investment.

When you consider there are hundreds of thousands of other radio control hobbyists in the U.S. just like myself, these proposed rule changes will affect a lot of people economically as well as in terms of enjoyment and safety.

Please help us so we can continue the safe enjoyment of our pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out it's proposals for the 72-75 Mhz band.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Kerr, Jr.

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A.M.A. 141878

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NICHOLAS WYETH
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Cushing, Maine 04563

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February 3, 1993

The Honorable Bill Cohen
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Federal Communications Commission
PR Docket 92-235

Dear Senator Cohen:

I am a businessman who derives great pleasure from building and flying model airplanes. I am very concerned about proposed rules currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission, PR Docket 92-235.

The FCC seeks to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. This will result in many land mobile frequencies moving closer to radio control frequencies which will cause interference to radio control operations. Such a change will create serious problems in the ability of model airplanes to safely control their planes.

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Brunswick, Me 04011
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United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cohen:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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I am writing to you to ask that you oppose the FCC notice of proposal rule making (NPRM-PR Docket 92-235) which if implemented will deprive the nation's radio control model builders and flyers of a large number of our allotted frequencies.

I build and fly RC models with 60-70 other men, women and children as members of the Brunswick Area Modelers. We are only one of several organized clubs in the state and thousands nationwide. We derive great pleasure from this very wholesome, educational activity and are very concerned that this proposal will cause severe economic and safety problems if our signals are swamped by the equipment on the too close side frequencies. You can imagine the effect of an uncontrolled 5-10 lb. aircraft travelling at 50 to 100 mph, let alone the 40-50 replacement cost.

Your assistance in helping us to retain our hobby will be deeply appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

John H. Stevens